

**GENERAL BUSINESS CONSENT AGENDA
FOR INSTRUCTION & PROGRAM, OPERATIONS,
FISCAL MANAGEMENT, PERSONNEL AND GOVERNANCE
February 12, 2025**

INSTRUCTION & PROGRAM

- I&P-1. Approve the submission and acceptance of the Climate Literacy for Community Resilience Grant to the New Jersey Department of Education, to continue to expand equitable access to high-quality, standards-based climate change education for K-12 students, encourage the development of student-centered learning opportunities, increase engagement in location-based climate change education, and continue to expand and strengthen a network of LEAs dedicated to sharing best practices and resources for implementing climate change education across the state, from June 1, 2025 to May 31, 2026, for a total award of \$30,500.00. **APPROVED**
- I&P-2. Approve acceptance of the continuation grant for the 2022 Full Service Community Schools Grant award in the amount of \$499,959.00 for January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, with a five-year total of \$2,499,795.00 during the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2027, and the 2023 Full Service Community Schools Grant award in the amount of \$2,097,165.00 for January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, with a five-year total of \$11,349,762.00 during the period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2028, and authorize a contribution of matching and in-kind services as required by each FSCS grant. **APPROVED**
- I&P-3. Approve acceptance of funding support from the Field Trip NJ fund, for a field trip to WINTER4KIDS program for Dr. Frank Napier, Jr. School students, for the 2024-2025 school year, in the amount of \$700.00. **APPROVED**
- I&P-4. Approve acceptance of funding support from the Field Trip NJ fund, for a field trip to WINTER4KIDS program for Senator Frank Lautenberg School students, for the 2024-2025 school year, in the amount of \$700.00. **APPROVED**
- I&P-5. Approve acceptance of the IPS Centennial Grant for the creation of “Escape Through Time: The Planetarium Centennial Escape Room” at Paterson P-Tech High School, in the amount of \$1,000.00. **APPROVED**
- I&P-6. Approve acceptance of the 2025 NJ STEM Month Mini-Grant to be used to purchase additional hands-on consumables for families to make and keep during our proposed event titled “From Paterson to the Planets: A stellar family adventure”, as well as A/V (wireless microphone) at Paterson P-Tech High School, in the amount of \$500.00. **APPROVED**
- I&P-7. Approve implementation of the Unified Club at Dr. Hani Awadallah School through the Special Olympics Unified Champion Schools Grant, for the 2024-2025 school year, in the amount of \$5,000.00. **APPROVED**
- I&P-8. Approve implementation of the Suicide Crisis Intervention Manual for the 2025-2026 school year, at no cost to the district. **APPROVED**
- I&P-9. Approve continuation of the partnership with William Paterson University Department of Psychology in conjunction with the Cultural Adjustment Group, to support the mental health needs of Spanish dominant, Arabic-speaking, and

Bengali-speaking recently arrived immigrant students, for the 2024-2025 school year, at an amount not to exceed \$7,000.00. **APPROVED**

- I&P-10. Approve the partnership between Rosa L. Parks School of Fine and Performing Arts with Paterson Inner City Ensemble, to promote healing arts, leadership, social emotional learning, and dance theatre projects, during the 2024-2025 school year (including summer months), at no cost to the district. **APPROVED**
- I&P-11. Approve the partnership with the vocal music department at Kean University to provide an in-school residency to the vocal music students at Rosa L. Parks School of Fine & Performing Arts, for the 2024-2025 school year, at no cost to the district. **APPROVED**
- I&P-12. Approve the Memorandum of Agreement between Rosa L. Parks School of Fine and Performing Arts and Sir Knights of Saint Paul Commandary, for participation in the mentoring program called “Lunch with the Nights”, for the 2024-2025 school year, at no cost to the district. **APPROVED**
- I&P-13. Approve the partnership with Rutgers Cooperative Extension to provide SNAP Gap materials, supplies, food, incentives, and services to support the promotional events and to provide stipends for additional staff as needed to host a schoolwide community event at Dr. Frank Napier, Jr. School, in a grant amount up to \$25,000.00. **APPROVED**
- I&P-14. Approve the partnership with Paterson P-Tech High School and Teen Mental Health First Aid (IMHFA), to implement an evidence-based training program for teens in grade eleven on how to identify, understand, and respond to signs and symptoms of mental health and substance use challenges and crises among their friends and peers, for the 2024-2025 school year, at no cost to the district. **APPROVED**
- I&P-15. Approve award of a contract for Interactive Textbooks & Related (PPS-132-25) to Textbook Brokers Inc. dba K12savings, for the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 school years, at an amount not to exceed \$105,819.68. **APPROVED**
- I&P-16. Approve entering into an agreement with William Paterson University for participation in the WPMusic Mentors Project, to provide individual instruction and mentoring through instructional/vocal music to five high school students, for the 2024-2025 school year, at no cost to the district. **APPROVED**
- I&P-17. Approve partnership with Winter4Kids and Senator Frank Lautenberg School (No. 6) and Dr. Frank Napier, Jr. School (No. 4), to improve student achievement through better mental health services, socialization, self-esteem, and exploring opportunities, for the 2024-2025 school year, at an amount not to exceed \$5,360.00. **APPROVED**
- I&P-18. Approve entering into an agreement with Write on Sports to conduct a Pop Up Workshop Program, to reinforce writing and communication skills, utilizing sports reporting as a vehicle to introduce 20-25 students to Sports Communication and future opportunities for the Write on Sports Summer Program, on March 12-13, 2025, at no cost to the district. **APPROVED**
- I&P-19. Approve entering into an agreement with Youth Education Academy (YEA) for the implementation of before-care and after-school programs that include a range of educational and recreational activities such as homework assistance, STEM enrichment, arts and creative expression, and physical fitness, at

Schools 12, 18, and Dale Avenue, for the 2024-2025 school year, at no cost to the district. **APPROVED**

- I&P-20. Approve collaboration with Cathedral of St. John the Baptist for the All City Choral Festival & Concert, to provide students in grades K-12 with the opportunity to participate in a day of rehearsals, workshops, and a culminating performance on March 26, 2025, at no cost to the district. **APPROVED**
- I&P-21. Approve a field trip for students and staff of Rosa L. Parks School of Fine & Performing Arts, to participate in the New Jersey State DECA Leadership Conference in Atlantic City, New Jersey, from March 4-6, 2025, at an amount not to exceed \$2,740.06. **APPROVED**
- I&P-22. Approve a field trip for staff and students on the John F. Kennedy High School track team to participate in the 2024 Penn Relays at Franklin Field, in Philadelphia, PA, April 24-26, 2025, at a cost of \$4,000.00. **APPROVED**
- I&P-23. Approve entering into contracts with Starlight and Staywell to provide 1:1 nursing services, for the 2024-2025 school year, at an amount not to exceed \$115,696.00. **APPROVED**
- I&P-24. Approve entering into an agreement with Learning Tree Multicultural/Multilingual Evaluation and Consulting Inc., to provide speech/language, psychological and social services, for the 2024-2025 school year, at an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00. **APPROVED**
- I&P-25 –
- I&P-28. Approve out of district placement/educational services for students. **APPROVED**
- I&P-29. Approve the amended list of field trip destination sites for the 2024-2025 school year. **APPROVED**

OPERATIONS

- O-30. Approve entering into an agreement with Leading Innovative Learning Associates, LLC, to provide professional development for fine and performing arts teachers, on best practices in arts instruction, including information on integrating the Universal Design for Learning (UDL) principles to support students with diverse learning needs, on March 19, 2025, at an amount not to exceed \$875.00. **APPROVED**
- O-31. Approve entering into an agreement with GOMO Educational Services to provide workshop services for instructional staff and administrators, to be better equipped to implement curriculum mandates such as AMISTAD, the Holocaust, etc., address Teaching Touchy Topics and provide a safe space, for the 2024-2025 school year, at an amount not to exceed \$17,000.00. **APPROVED**
- O-32. Approve entering into an agreement with Hand2Mind to provide professional development in hands-on differentiated mathematics education that support students to conceptualize and retain essential math skills and knowledge, for the 2024-2025 school year, at an amount not to exceed \$9,000.00. **APPROVED**
- O-33. Approve the 20% allowable increase to the contract for Professional Development K-12 (RFP-424-25(2)) with Inspired Instruction LLC, for the 2024-2025 school year, at an amount not to exceed \$1,200,000.00. **APPROVED**

- O-34. Approve entering into an agreement with Katy Brodhead Cullen/Music Will to provide professional development for music teachers directly tied to best practices in arts instruction, including information on integrating the Universal Design for Learning (UDL) principles to support students with diverse learning needs, on April 4, 2025, at an amount not to exceed \$500.00. **APPROVED**
- O-35. Approve entering into an agreement with Paterson Education Fund to provide a Restorative Practice Workshop at Alexander Hamilton Academy for a group of teachers and administrators, during the 2024-2025 school year, at an amount not to exceed \$500.00. **APPROVED**
- O-36. Approve entering into an agreement with Paterson Education Fund to provide a Restorative Practice Workshop at School No. 19 for a group of teachers and administrators, during the 2024-2025 school year, at an amount not to exceed \$500.00. **APPROVED**
- O-37. Approve award of a quoted transportation contract to an in-district school, for the 2024-2025 school year, in the amount of \$2,625.00. **APPROVED**
- O-38. Approve that the Board of Education has received the Harassment, Intimidation, or Bullying investigations for the month of December 2024, in which there were 28 incidents reported, and there were 18 being founded cases and 10 being unfounded cases. **APPROVED**

FISCAL MANAGEMENT

- F-39. Approve payment of bills and claims dated through February 12, 2025, beginning with check number 246287 and ending with check number 246936 along with direct deposit numbers beginning with 2354 and ending with 2364 in the amount of \$33,237,386.56, and wires in the amount of \$10,469,023.53, for a total of \$43,706,410.09. **APPROVED**
- F-40. Approve transfer of funds within the 2024-2025 school year budget for the month of December 2024, so that no budgetary line-item account has been over-expended and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations. **APPROVED**
- F-41. Acknowledge receipt and accept the Monthly Financial Report, Board Secretary A148, for the month of December 2024. **APPROVED**
- F-42. Acknowledge receipt and accept the Monthly Financial Report, Report of the Treasurer A149, for the month of December 2024. **APPROVED**
- F-43. Approve payment for the gross payroll checks and direct deposits dated December 31, 2024, beginning with check number 1020918, 1020920 and ending with check number 1020921 yearend adjustments in the amount of \$5,189.00, and payment for the gross payroll checks and direct deposits dated January 15, 2025, beginning with check number 1020919, 1020922 and ending with check number 1021046 and direct deposit number beginning with D003677902 and ending with D003682554 in the amount of \$13,553,103.76, and payment for the net payroll checks dated December 20, 2024, beginning with check number 1021048 and ending with check number 1021113 for FICA and Medicare refunds for workers compensation in the amount of \$44,607.12, and payment for the gross payroll checks and direct deposits dated January 31, 2025, beginning with check number 1021047, 1021114 and ending with check

number 1021236 and direct deposit number beginning with D00382555 and ending with D003687300 in the amount of \$13,427,691.04. **APPROVED**

- F-44. Approve the establishment of the list of bank accounts for the fiscal operations of the Paterson Public School District for the 2025-2026 school year. **APPROVED**
- F-45. Approve acceptance of a donation from The Visions Federal Credit Union to the Department of Family and Community Engagement, to provide community boutique items for the Full Service Community Center, in the amount of \$803.07. **APPROVED**
- F-46. Approve award of a contract to CDW to purchase the iboss cloud security platform, to ensure the safety of our network and files, for the 2024-2025 school year, at an amount not to exceed \$120,415.00. **APPROVED**
- F-47. Approve amendment to Resolution F-25 approved on January 2, 2025, for payment to Crown Castle for six additional 10-Gig ethernet, maintenance and technology projects to be added to the 4 sectors, Eastside, John F. Kennedy, Rosa Parks High Schools, and DOT, for the 2024-2025 school year, at an increased amount of \$126,400.00. **APPROVED**
- F-48. Approve award of a contract to CDW for the purchase of IncidentIQ to allow the department to support and manage the IT ticketing system, for a twelve-month period, at an amount not to exceed \$83,000.00. **APPROVED**
- F-49. Approve award of a contract to SHI International for the purchase of ManageEngine Endpoint Central Cloud Security, to allow the technology department to support and manage computers and electronics, for a twelve-month period, at an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00. **APPROVED**

PERSONNEL

- P-50. Approve the personnel recommendations of the Superintendent of Schools for adoption at the February 12, 2025, board meeting. **APPROVED**
- P-51. Approve permission for the district to research, examine and implement a new performance evaluation within the New Jersey Department of Education guidelines for certificated staff members and recommends its submission to the Commissioner of Education for review and approval in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:6-122. **APPROVED**
- P-52. Approve research studies request through Capella University – Melissa Espana: Clearing the Path to Graduation: Attendance Review Committee Training for At-Risk Students, during the 2024-2025 school year, at no cost to the district. **APPROVED**
- P-53. Approve research studies request through Spalding University – Devon A. Horton: Dismantling Anti-Misandry by Promoting Wellness for Black Men in Early Childhood, during the 2024-2025 school year, at no cost to the district. **APPROVED**
- P-54. Approve research studies request through University of Phoenix – Tracyann Williams: Addressing Support Staff Shortage: Exploring Implementation of An Internal Apprenticeship Program Qualitative Exploratory Case Study, during the 2024-2025 school year, at no cost to the district. **APPROVED**

- P-55. Approve the use of iHeartRadio, Univision, and/or La Mega to promote various recruiting functions for the Paterson Public School District, for the 2024-2025 school year, at an amount not to exceed \$44,000.00. **APPROVED**

GOVERNANCE

- G-56. Approve execution of the Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement between the Paterson Public Schools and the Paterson Police Department, for the 2024-2025 and the 2025-2026 school years. **PULLED**
- G-57. Approve the correction to Resolution G-30 from the January 2, 2025, meeting, and authorize payment of settlement in a civil case No. PAS-L-3667-21, in the amount of \$125,000.00. **APPROVED**
- G-58. Authorize the settlement agreement in the matter of PAS-L-2732-21, for a maximum contribution of \$337,500.00 in exchange for full releases by the plaintiffs. **APPROVED**
- G-59. Authorize the settlement agreement in the matter of PAS-L-3635-21, for a maximum contribution of \$108,000.00 in exchange for full releases by the plaintiffs. **APPROVED**

ADDITIONAL

- I&P-60. Approve the elimination of two 6th-8th grade and one 3rd-5th grade autism classes at School No. 2, and the establishment of two 6th-8th grade and one kindergarten-2nd grade multiple disabilities classes at School No. 2. **APPROVED**
- I&P-61. Approve the elimination of one kindergarten-2nd grade autism class at Dale Avenue School, and the establishment of one kindergarten-2nd grade multiple disabilities class at Dale Avenue School. **APPROVED**
- F-62. Authorize submission of an application to the New Jersey Department of Education for A Minor Amendment of the approved Long Range Facility Plan, for the replacement of the elevator at Dale Avenue School, State Project # 31-4010. **APPROVED**
- F-63. Authorize preparation and submission of a capital project application to the New Jersey Department of Education, Office of Facilities, for replacement of the elevator at Dale Avenue School, State Project # 31-4010. **APPROVED**
- F-64. Authorize submission of Schematic Design documents to the New Jersey Department of Education, for the new STEAM High School project, for review and approval in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:26-5.3. **APPROVED**